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## Theatre Fellowship 2020-2021 Call for Proposals



### About the Yuma Art Center

The Yuma Art Center's vision is for all Yuma community members to live creative lives by being a part of the arts. The Yuma Art Center advances the arts by providing distinct opportunities for community participation and artistic growth. With over 100,000 visitors each year, the Yuma Art Center annually produces three theatre productions, twenty visual art exhibitions, holds nearly fifty unique performing and visual arts classes, facilitates the annual summer mural program, screens dozens of films, supports the North End Artists CoOp, coordinates festivals and signature events and advances public art throughout Yuma. The Yuma Art Center is owned and managed by the City of Yuma's Parks and Recreation Department and is home to the Division of Arts and Culture.

### About the Dinner Theatre Production:

Each February, during the week of Valentine's Day, the Yuma Art Center presents a full-length dinner theatre production in the Yuma Art Center galleries. The center's central gallery is transformed into a unique performance space with a stage and set built completely for the customized needs of the given production. The 2021 production will mark eleven years of dinner theatre productions at the Yuma Art Center, noting that the production has sold out every show for an entire decade.

**Production and Fellowship Timeline:** Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, there may be event limitations in audience capacity, additional performances, restructuring of the production schedule, or delays in casting and rehearsals. The Yuma Art Center encourages proposals to have a flexible understanding of the schedule.

**Proposal Due:** July 31, 2020 by 4:00 pm

**Fellowship Period:** August 2020 - February 2021

**Technical Rehearsals:** February 2-9, 2020

**Production:** February 10-14, 2021

### Fellowship Description:

The Theatre Fellowship program will give a seasoned or emerging theatre practitioner an opportunity to develop their directorial practice with a focus on a community-responsive theatre production. This competitive, part-time residency will provide the awardee with a stipend, temporary housing (if needed), technical production needs and administrative support. As a part-time residency, the director is required to conduct regular rehearsals and must be available for the entire week prior to and the week of performance for technical rehearsals. The rehearsal and production schedules will be determined based on the availability of the director and selected cast members.



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#### **Support from the Yuma Art Center:**

- \$2,000 stipend.
- Administrative support; to including: marketing, ticketing, production royalties and scripts.
- Technical production support; to include: lighting, sound, set, properties, and costumes.

#### **Fellow Responsibilities:**

- Direct a full-length play
- Lead regularly scheduled rehearsals from October 2020 through February 2021.
- Engage the local community with additional workshops and educational opportunities
- Assist with programming related to performance
- Attend regular production meetings

#### **How to Apply:**

Applicants must submit a proposal in the form of a one-page document by July 31, 2020 by 4:00 pm to [Arts@YumaAz.gov](mailto:Arts@YumaAz.gov) with the subject line of "Theatre Fellowship Application." The proposal should include a brief description of the production as well as a brief description of the applicant's specific direction and design for the production. Along with the proposal, applicants must submit an artistic resume and two professional references. The Division of Arts and Culture will select the fellowship recipient through the competitive application process.

Please take into consideration the production preference is a comedy, melodrama, mystery or related genre to fit within the nature of a dinner theatre setting. Also note that the cast will be comprised of volunteer performers from throughout the Yuma community and the rehearsal schedule will be set based on the availability of the director and cast selected. Because of this, shows with small cast sizes are preferred.

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Previous experience in directing a full length production.
- Bachelor's degree in directing, theatre, performance studies or related field.
- Ability to develop and direct a full-length production under the guidance of the Division of Arts and Culture.
- Knowledge of contemporary theatre, theatre education and dinner theatre practices.
- Willingness to engage and work with local artists.
- Ability to work independently and with staff, volunteers and representatives of local organizations.
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and public presentations.
- Ability to meet deadlines.

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